

Addictive & Mental Disorders Division (AMDD)
Montana's Action Plan for Co-Occurring Disorders
Monthly Status Report – April & May 2007

Co-Occurring Policy Team

- The next scheduled meeting will be with Ken Minkoff & Chris Cline on July 12th in Helena. Ken & Chris will provide the members input regarding the “implementation strategies of endorsement standards” for state funded Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Programs.

Training/Presentations

- April 9th – Co-Occurring Disorder Presentation at CIT training;
- On May 18th Michael Hagenlock presented at the Mental Health Association Conference;
- May 21st Met Net psychiatry meeting with Ken Minkoff and Chris Cline;
- July 11th clinical training with Ken Minkoff and Chris Cline in Helena. The training will be open to Mental Health & Chemical Dependency clinicians. The topic will be “Integrated Treatment Planning utilizing Longitudinal Strength Based Assessment”.

COST (Co-Occurring Strategic Team)

- Reviewed and updated the Montana Plan for Co-Occurring Disorders;
- Coordination of July 11th & July 12th technical assistance visit with Ken Minkoff and Chris Cline;
- Review of Cultural Competency Work Group Art Contest scheduled for the Fall of 2007;
- DBT Steering Committee (MH & CD providers) met May 9th in Bozeman to plan internal consultation and training for FY08;
- Consultation with Eric Higginbotham regarding Alaska's Co-Occurring Project.

Change Agent/Active Work Group Reports:

- **Data Work Group**

The work group held a meeting on May 15th with Eric Higginbotham as chair. The group reviewed baseline co-occurring data from the Alcohol & Drug Information System (ADIS). The group will now work with the Mental Health Centers on similar baseline data.

- **Cultural Competence Work Group**

Three members attended Cultural Competence in Health Care training, April 26-27 in Great Falls. The workgroup is ready to finalize promotional packet for poster contest, to be distribution statewide.

- **Core Competencies / Scope of Practice Work Group**

The group met on May 22nd via conference call. Members finalized a list of recommended requirements for COD Capable Clinicians. This will be discussed at the July Change Agent meeting and presented to Policy Team.

- **Facilities Work Group**

The work group reconvened and met May 15th. Members discussed promoting Co-Occurring Disorders treatment within facilities and state wide, and active discharge planning.